

Blessed *Are* They

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 ✕ 8:00 AM + 10:15 AM

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

OUR OFFERING APP/ELECTRONIC GIVING IS CHANGING!

Please note that we are rolling out a new app that will be a home for much of the communication and scheduling and giving we do here at PoP.



Here's a QR code that takes you to our church center app:



Please get the app and look around! It's easy to sign up and this will also be our new church directory. More info will come but it's not too soon to use this for giving.

If you currently have a recurring gift set up through Pushpay (our former system), you will need to cancel recurring gifts there. You can find your Pushpay account at pushpay.com/g/popslc

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.* 

OPENING HYMN 580 All I Have Is Christ

Please stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your

grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,

might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry

ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11–13

The Lord promises that those who trust him will not be put to shame.

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands.
Seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you will be sheltered
on the day of the Lord's anger.
On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put

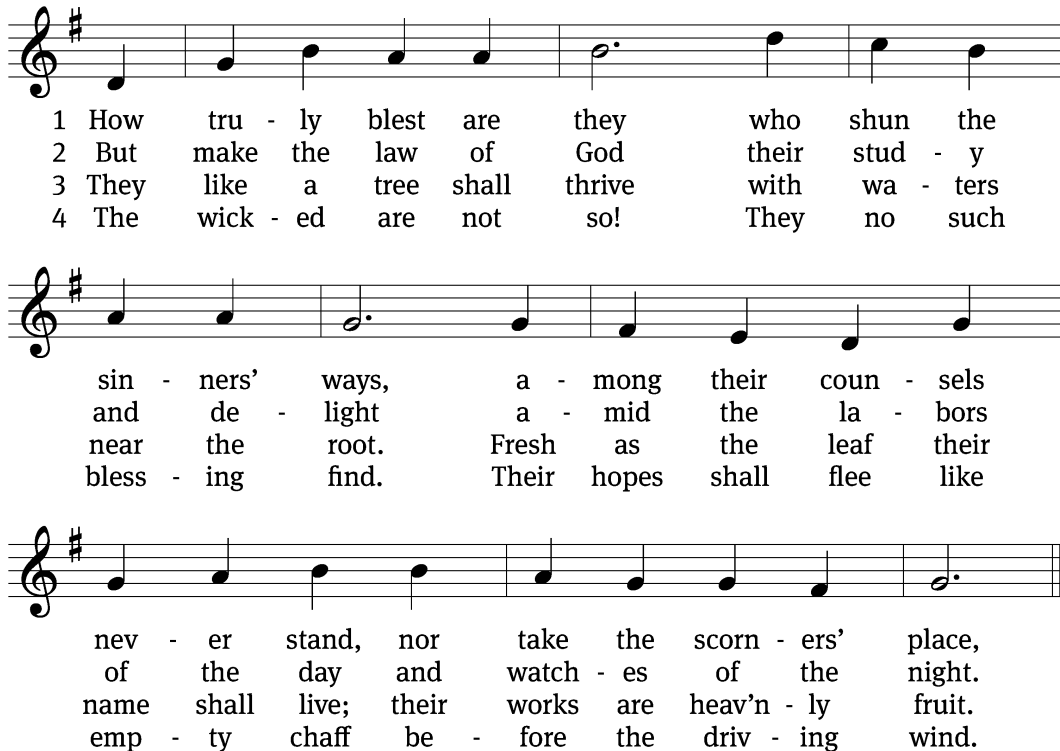
to shame
for all the wrongs you have done to me,
because I will remove from you
your arrogant boasters.
Never again will you be haughty
on my holy hill.
But I will leave within you

the meek and humble.
The remnant of Israel
will trust in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong;
they will tell no lies.
A deceitful tongue

will not be found in their mouths.
They will eat and lie down
and no one will make them afraid.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1B



1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the
2 But make the law of God their stud - y
3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters
4 The wick - ed are not so! They no such

sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels
and de - light a - mid the la - bors
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their
bless - ing find. Their hopes shall flee like

nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,
of the day and watch - es of the night.
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.
emp - ty chaff be - fore the driv - ing wind.

**5 How will they bear to stand
before that judgment seat
where all the saints at Christ's right hand
in full assembly meet?**

**6 God knows and he approves
the way the righteous go,
but sinners and their works shall meet
a dreadful overthrow.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God changes how we view ourselves by connecting us to Christ Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are

not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 4:18

Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, our Savior turns the ideas of the world upside down.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you and falsely say all kinds of
evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice
and be glad, because great is your reward
in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before
you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 690 Blest Are They

SERMON 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Christ Jesus is My Everything

Please stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

Romans 10:10; Dt 6:4

Matthew 6:9; Ex 6:3

Genesis 1:1; John 1:1

Colossians 1:16

Romans 10:9

Matthew 16:16

John 3:16

John 1:1,8,12,17:22

Colossians 2:9

John 1:2

John 10:30

Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3

1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23

John 6:41; Luke 15:20

Luke 1:34-35

John 1:14

Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18

**He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53
1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6
Acts 1:9
Acts 7:55
Matthew 26:64
Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12
2 Peter 1:11

Jn 14:26; Acts 2:38
Genesis 1:2; John 3:6
John 15:26
Mt 3:16-17
Ez 11:5; 2 Pt 1:20-21
1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22
Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38
1 Co 15:35-49; 1 Thes 4
Psalm 106:48*

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon,
with all our heart and with all our mind, let
us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Christian Church, here and
scattered throughout the world, and for the
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling
of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For this nation, for our cities and
communities, and for the common welfare
of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather and for the
fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the
Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who labor, for those whose work
is difficult or dangerous, and for all who
travel, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in need, the hungry and
homeless, for the widowed and orphaned,
and for all those in prison, let us pray to the
Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and dying and for all those
who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us,
let us give thanks to God and ask Him to
bring us with them to the unending feast in
His Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for...

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake
of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

10 for 10 Commitments *For the last three Sundays we have been reviewing and meditating on God's teaching about giving in the Bible. Today, we have the opportunity to present our ten-week offering plans to the Lord. Many will try giving 10% of their income for 10 weeks.*

You will be invited to bring your commitment card forward at this time. These offering plans will be kept unopened on the altar for the next ten weeks and then returned to you unopened.

May the Lord bless us in these ten weeks of giving, that we might find joy in honoring him!

HYMN 750 - We Give Thee But Thine Own

OFFERING



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,
your ev - er-last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!
Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, our Father.

Bless our reception of your Son's body and blood that we may shine with the joy of faith. Use this holy sacrament to illuminate our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and

praise from every tribe and language and people and nation. **Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O LAMB OF GOD

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will
took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 563 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

HYMN 803 Day by Day

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your + sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Stand

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Psalms 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN 927 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing



We thank the Lord for our accompanist, Amy Sehloff, and for her gifts used to serve us and our Savior this morning!



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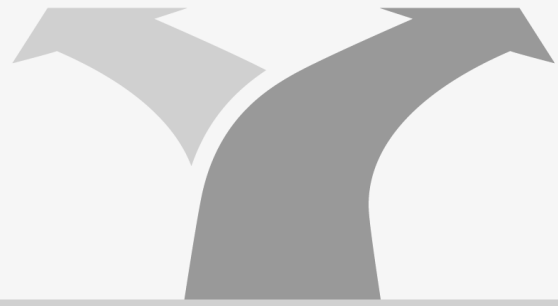
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Stewardship Emphasis



Week 1 of 10

Discipline Isn't a Dirty Word

When we hear the word *discipline*, we often think of something negative—something restrictive, uncomfortable, or joyless. We picture strict rules, hard routines, or pressure to perform. But Scripture invites us to see discipline in a very different light. Discipline is not meant to burden us. It is meant to bless us.

In everyday life, we understand this. If someone wants to learn an instrument, earn a degree, improve their health, or save for the future, discipline is necessary. Growth does not happen by accident. It happens through thoughtful planning, consistent practice, and patient perseverance. In the same way, God invites us to bring discipline into our spiritual lives—including the way we give.

The apostle Paul encouraged Christians to set aside their gifts regularly and intentionally (1 Corinthians 16:2). Christian giving is not meant to be rushed, forgotten, or left to chance. Instead, it grows from prayerful consideration, careful planning, and faithful follow-through. It reflects hearts that trust God's promises and desire to honor Him.

This kind of giving does not happen automatically. Sometimes we give generously in moments of strong emotion or sudden need, and that can be wonderful. But most often, faithful giving grows through quiet, steady faithfulness. It comes from regularly asking: *What has God entrusted to me? How can I use these gifts to serve His kingdom? How can I honor Him with my first and my best?*

At the heart of Christian stewardship is not money, but trust. We give because we know who our God is. He is the Creator who provides daily bread. He is the Savior who gave His Son for our salvation. He is the faithful Lord who promises never to abandon His people.

When we give thoughtfully and faithfully, we are simply reflecting His generous heart. We are confessing with our lives: *Everything I have comes from Him, and everything I am belongs to Him.*

May God continue to bless our congregation with joyful discipline—discipline that grows from faith, rests in grace, and overflows in love!